



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

September 10, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Clean Water Act. The Division has received a complete application for a temporary biosolids composting permit, TNEV2008325, from the following applicant:

Bently Family Limited Partnership
P.O. Box 127
Minden, Nevada 89423

The Applicant proposes to compost approximately 50 cubic yards (cy) per week of Class B biosolids provided by the Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District (MGSD), NEV40027, at Bently Agrowdynamics, 1089 Stockyard Road, Minden, Nevada. The 23-acre facility is currently permitted, Authorization to Reuse Biosolids NEV97012, to compost sewage sludge generated by the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Water Reclamation Facility, the Douglas County Sewer Improvement District #1 (DCSID), and the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) and to beneficially use the compost on-site. In 2006, MGSD generated approximately 2,600 cy of biosolids. During the same time period, IVGID, DCSID, and STPUD transported a total of 45,760 cy of sewage sludge to the facility.

The MGSD sewage sludge has been anaerobically digested and meets the vector attraction, pathogen reduction, and pollutant concentration requirements to qualify as Class B biosolids. Class B biosolids may be land applied but the Permittee has elected to further treat this material to achieve Class A standards prior to beneficial use. To meet Class A requirements using the windrow composting method, the temperature of the biosolids must be maintained at 55°C for 15 days or longer and the windrow must be turned a minimum of 5 times while maintaining 55°C. All composted biosolids will be utilized on-site as a soil amendment and source of crop nutrients on the Permittee's agricultural land.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the NRS and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the temporary permit to discharge, TNEV2008325, subject to certain effluent limitations. Per NRS 445A.485, a temporary permit may be issued for a maximum of 180 days.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding the temporary permit or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within fifteen (15) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Comments or objections must be received within the fifteen (15) day comment period, that begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 PM September 27, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423 or at bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice can be viewed at the following website address:
<http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.